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## HYMNS.

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### I.

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet,  
To guide us in these latter days;  
We thank Thee for sending the Gospel  
To lighten our minds with its rays;  
We thank Thee for every blessing  
Bestowed by thy bounteous hand;  
We feel it a pleasure to serve thee,  
And love to obey thy commands.

When dark clouds of trouble hang o'er us,  
And threaten our peace to destroy,  
There is hope smiling brightly before us,  
And we know that deliv'rance is nigh;  
We doubt not the Lord, nor his goodness,  
We've proved him in days that are past;  
The wicked who fight against Zion  
Will surely be smitten at last.

We'll sing of his goodness and mercy;  
We'll praise him by day and by night,  
Rejoice in his glorious Gospel,  
And bask in its life-giving lighth.

Thus on to eternal perfection  
 The honest and faithful will go;  
 While they who reject this glad message,  
 Shall never such happiness know.

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## II.

I'll serve the Lord while I am young,  
 And, in my early days,  
 Devote the music of my tongue  
 To my Redeemer's praise.  
 I praise his name that He has given  
 Me parentage and birth  
 Among the most beloved of heaven  
 That dwell upon the earth.

O, Lord, my parents here preserve,  
 To teach me righteousness,  
 That my young feet may never swerve  
 From paths of holiness;  
 And, like the faithful ones of old  
 Who now behold thy face,  
 May I be formed in virtue's mould  
 To fill a holy place.

While youth and beauty sweetly twine  
 Their garlands round my head,  
 I'll seek, at wisdom's sacred shrine,  
 The gems that never fade.

Long may I sing thy praises here  
 Among thy Saints below,  
 And in eternity appear  
 With them in glory too.

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III.

A happy band of children,  
 All joyous, blithe and free;  
 With thankful hearts and praises,  
 O Lord, we come to Thee.

We thank Thee, Lord, for blessings,  
 So rich beyond compare—  
 For life, for health and raiment,  
 And thy protecting care.

But most of all, we thank Thee,  
 For thy redeeming grace;  
 That we may have salvation,  
 And see Thee face to face.

O Lord, do Thou watch o'er us,  
 And keep us day by day;  
 And bless thy church and kingdom,  
 Thy little servants pray.

## IV.

Who shall sing if not the children?

Did not Jesus die for them?

May they not with other jewels,

Sparkle in his diadem?

Why to them are voices given—

Birdlike voices, sweet and clear?

Why, unless the songs of heaven

They begin to practice here?

Jesus, when on earth sojourning,

Loved them with a perfect love;

And will He, to heaven returning,

Faithless to his blessing prove?

O, they cannot sing too early:

Fathers, stand not in their way;

Birds do sing while day is breaking;

Tell us then, why should not they?

## V.

In our lovely Deseret,

Where the Saints of God have met,

There's a multitude of children all around.



They are generous and brave—  
 They have precious souls to save,  
 They must listen and obey the Gospel's  
 sound.

CHORUS:

Hark, hark, hark, 'tis children's music—  
 Children's voices, O, how sweet,  
 When in innocence and love,  
 Like the angels up above,  
 They with happy hearts and cheerful  
 faces meet.

That the children may live long,  
 And be beautiful and strong,  
 Tea and coffee and tobacco they despise,  
 Drink no liquor, and they eat  
 But a very little meat;  
 They are seeking to be great and good and  
 wise.

They should be instructed young,  
 How to watch and guard the tongue;  
 And their tempers train, and evil passions  
 bind.  
 They should always be polite,  
 And treat everybody right,  
 And in every place be affable and kind.

They must not forget to pray,  
 Night and morning, every day,  
 For the Lord to keep them safe from  
 every ill,  
 And assist them to do right,  
 That with all their mind and might,  
 They may love Him, and may learn to do  
 His will.

Hark, hark, hark, etc.

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## VI.

Dearest children, God is near you,  
 Watching o'er you day and night;  
 He delights to own and bless you,  
 If you strive to do what's right.

Dearest children, holy angels  
 Watch your actions night and day;  
 And they keep a faithful record  
 Of the good and bad you say.

Children, God delights to teach you  
 By His Holy Spirit's voice;  
 Quickly heed its holy promptings,  
 Day by day, you'll then rejoice.

## VII.

When Jesus dwelt on the shores of time,  
He spurned the little ones not,  
But said, let the children come unto me,  
Let them come and forbid them not.  
Forbid them not, forbid them not,  
Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

He took them up in His tender arms—  
Press'd softly each little brow,  
And said so gently, forbid them not  
To receive my blessing now;  
Forbid them not, forbid them not,  
Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

Then little children come unto Him,  
From high or lowly built cot,  
Ah, bring the little ones unto Him,  
Who still says, forbid them not;  
Forbid them not, forbid them not,  
Of such is the kingdom of heaven.

## VIII.

I thank Thee, dear Father in Heaven  
above,  
For thy goodness and mercy, thy kind-  
ness and love;

I thank Thee for home, friends and pa-  
 rents so dear,  
 And for every blessing that I enjoy here.  
 Bless father, and comfort my dear moth-  
 er's heart—  
 To brothers and sisters, thy Spirit impart;  
 Bless every good woman and every good  
 man:  
 Let peace fill the world, thro' the Gospel's  
 rich plan.  
 Help me to be good, kind and gentle to-  
 day,  
 And mind what my father and mother  
 shall say;  
 In the dear name of Jesus, so loving and  
 mild,  
 I ask Thee to bless me and keep me thy  
 child.

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 IX.

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear us;  
 Bless thy little lambs to-night;  
 Thro' the darkness, be thou near us;  
 Keep us safe till morning light.

All this day thy hand has led us,  
 And we thank Thee for thy care;  
 Thou hast clothed us, warmed us, fed us:  
 Listen to our evening prayer.

May our sins be all forgiven;  
 Bless the friends we love so well;  
 Take us, when we die, to heaven,  
 Happy there with Thee to dwell.

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 x.

I think, when I read that sweet story of  
 old,  
 When Jesus was here among men,  
 How He called little children as lambs to  
 his fold,  
 I should like to have been with Him  
 then.

I wish that his hands had been laid on my  
 head;  
 And that I had been placed on his knee,  
 That I might have seen his kind look  
 when He said  
 "Let the little ones come unto me."

Yet still to his footstool in prayer I may  
 go,  
 And ask for a share in his love;

And if I continue to seek him below  
 I shall hear him and see him above.

I long for that happy and glorious time—  
 The fairest, the brightest, the best—  
 When the dear little children of every  
 clime,  
 Shall crowd to his arms and be blest.

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 XI.

Gather up the sunbeams,  
 In this world of ours;  
 Ever round your pathway  
 Strew the sweetest flowers.

Cheer the hearts that sorrow,  
 Wheresoe'er they be;  
 Words of loving kindness,  
 Give them bounteously.

Seek the poor and lowly,  
 Everywhere they're found;  
 Gather up the sunbeams,  
 Scatter them around.

Gather up the sunbeams,  
 Do some good each day;  
 Deeds of loving kindness  
 Never pass away.

If one heart that's lonely,  
 We can bless and cheer,  
 O, the noble mission  
 We are serving here!

Seek the poor and lonely,  
 Everywhere they're found;  
 Gather up the sunbeams,  
 Scatter them around.

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 XII.

Beautiful Zion, built above,  
 Beautiful city that I love,  
 Beautiful gates of pearly white,  
 Beautiful Temple—God its light.  
 He who was slain on calvary,  
 Opens those pearly gates to me,  
 Zion, Zion, lovely Zion,  
 Beautiful Zion, city of our God.

Beautiful heaven, where all is light;  
 Beautiful angels, clothed in white;  
 Beautiful strains that never tire;  
 Beautiful harps thro' all the choir.  
 There shall I join the chorus sweet,  
 Worshiping at the Savior's feet.  
 Zion, Zion, lovely Zion, etc.

Beautiful crowns on every brow,  
 Beautiful palms the conq'rors show;  
 Beautiful robes the ransomed wear,  
 Beautiful all who enter there.  
 Thither I press with eager feet—  
 There shall my rest be long and sweet.  
                                 Zion, Zion, lovely Zion, etc.

Beautiful throne for Christ, our King,  
 Beautiful songs the angels sing;  
 Beautiful rest—all wand'rings cease—  
 Beautiful home of perfect peace.  
 There shall my eyes my Savior see;  
 Haste to the heav'nly home with me.  
                                 Zion, Zion, lovely Zion, etc.



## XIII.

O, come, children, come,  
 Come to our little meeting,  
 Where we are taught to sing and pray,  
                         And learn to love the truth.  
 O, come and listen to our song—  
 We to the Primary belong—  
 We're learning now the right from wrong,  
                         In this our early youth.



† O, come, children, come,  
 We ask you all to join us—  
 Come have your plays—shun evil ways,  
 And join with us to-day:  
 We'll serve the Lord while we are young  
 And praise him with the heart and tongue,  
 That we may dwell, the pure among,  
 Thro' all eternity.

O, come, children, come,  
 Come to our little meeting,  
 Where we are taught of Jesus' ways  
 And learn to love him too:  
 We learn to keep his holy day  
 For we must neither work nor play  
 Upon God's holy Sabbath day—  
 O, come, children, come.

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 XIV.

I love t' attend the Primary,  
 On every meeting day,  
 And see the happy children come  
 To speak and sing and pray.

I love to hear our President,  
 And her wise Couns'lors too;  
 Then say a word or two myself,  
 'Tis all that I can do.

And oftentimes I wonder if,  
 In yonder bright land where  
 So many little children go,  
 They've any Primaries there.

Then comes a sweet reply to me—  
 I'm sure the answer's true:  
 "O, yes, those little angels bright,  
 Have got their Primaries too."

O Father, help us so to live,  
 While here on earth we stay,  
 That we may join the Primary there,  
 If we are called away.

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 XV.

Around the throne of God, in heaven  
 Ten thousand children stand—  
 Children whose sins are all forgiven—  
 A holy, happy band.

## CHORUS.

Singing glory, glory,  
 Glory, honor, praise and power,  
 Be unto the Lamb forever;  
 Praise Him, praise Him, praise ye the  
 Lord.

What brought them to that world above  
 That heaven so bright and fair;  
 Where all is peace and joy and love?  
 How came those children there?

Because the Savior shed his blood  
 To wash away our sin;  
 Bathed in that pure and precious flood,  
 Behold them white and clean.

On earth they sought the Savior's grace—  
 On earth they loved his name;  
 And now they see his blessed face,  
 And stand before the Lamb.

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 XVI.

We want to see the Temple  
 With towers rising high—  
 Its spires majestic pointing  
 Unto the clear blue sky—  
 A House where Saints may gather,  
 And richest blessings gain—  
 Where Jesus, our Redeemer,  
 A dwelling may obtain.

We want to meet the Savior,  
 And see Him face to face,  
 When He shall come in glory  
 Unto that holy place.

If we are true and faithful,  
 We'll hear our Savior's voice,  
 Receive a Father's blessing,  
 And in his love rejoice.

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## XVII.

To-day while the sun shines, work with a  
 will—

To-day all your duties with patience ful-  
 fill—

To-day while the birds sing, harbor no  
 care;

Call life a good gift, and call the world  
 fair.

To-day love the goodness that's better  
 than gold,

And the truth seek, whose value can never  
 be told;

To-day hold the kindness that thinks evil  
 never—

He who kindly to-day is, is kindly forever.

Live to-day in the beauty of earth, sky  
 and sea,

For beauty fails never to you and to me:

To-day then, love goodness and beauty  
 and truth,  
 The crown of your living, the grace of  
 your youth.

To-day is the summit of duty and life—  
 The path of endeavors, th' arena of strife:  
 To-day is ours only: work, work while  
 you may,  
 There is no to-morrow—there's only to-  
 day.



### XVIII.

Hearts and homes, sweet words of pleasure,  
 Music breathing as they fall;  
 Making each the other's treasure—  
 Once divided, losing all.  
 Homes, they may be high or lowly;  
 Hearts alone can make them holy,  
 Be the dwelling e'er so small,  
 Having love, it boasteth all.

Hearts and home, etc.

Hearts and homes, sweet words revealing,  
 All most good and fair to see:  
 Fitting shrines for purest feelings—  
 Temples meet to bend the knee.



And Joseph's wise example,  
 What can I need beside?  
 I'll strive from every evil  
 To keep my heart and tongue;  
 I'll be a little "Mormon,"  
 For I am very young.

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## XX.

Lord, grant that we in wisdom's ways  
 May walk and never cease:  
 Her ways are ways of pleasantness,  
 And all her paths are peace.

O bless the ones whose watchful care,  
 In love our steps have led;  
 Who teach us now with strength and skill,  
 Life's rugged paths to tread.

We pray Thee that fair wisdom's light  
 O'er all the land may spread,  
 Before it superstition's shade  
 And folly fly in dread.

And as we learn how good Thou art,  
 And wise, and great and true,  
 We'll seek to gain that happy shore  
 Where wisdom's ever new.

## XXI.

Come, join with me to sing and praise  
Our heavenly Father's care,  
Who gave to Nature all her power,  
And made the fields so fair.

The winter hid them deep in snow,  
And held the brooklet long;  
But now it dances as it goes,  
To robin's merry song.

And let us mix our voices gay,  
With Nature's merry tone;  
Our Maker gave not music sweet  
To birds and brooks alone.

The birds can flutter free and wild,  
And sing the livelong day;  
To us alone our Father gave  
A voice to praise and pray.

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XXII.

I'm not too young for God to see,  
He knows my name and nature too,  
And all day long he looks at me—  
He sees my actions through and through.



He listens to the words I say,  
 And knows the thoughts I have within;  
 And whether I'm at work or play,  
 He's sure to know it if I sin.

O how could children tell a lie,  
 Or cheat at play or steal or fight,  
 If they remembered God was nigh,  
 And always had them in his sight.

Then when I want to do amiss,  
 However pleasant it may be,  
 I'll always strive to think of this:  
 I'm not too young for God to see.

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 XXIII.

In the chambers of the mountains,  
 Are a noble, mighty band,  
 Gath'ring strength from crystal fountains,  
 Flowing through a chosen land.  
     Land of Zion,  
     Land of Zion,  
 Where the holy Temples stand.

Hosts of children here are growing,  
 In these mountain vales so fair;

And their voices gently flowing,  
 Echo sweetly here and there.  
     Children's voices,  
     Children's voices,  
 Breathing music everywhere.

Let us teach these precious children,  
 Every precept to obey,  
 That will tend to peace and union,  
 In that better, safer way.  
     Ever praying,  
     Ever praying,  
 Lest their little feet should stray.

Onward! be the watchword ever,  
 Persevere in doing right;  
 Never falter, children, never!  
 And you're sure to win thē fight.  
     Courage, children!  
     Courage, children!  
 See! the goal is just in sight.

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 XXIV.

Great Shepherd of the sheep,  
 Who all thy flock doth keep,  
     Leading by waters calm;  
 Do Thou my footsteps guide  
 To follow by thy side,  
     Make me thy little lamb.

And when the road is long,  
 Thy tender arm and strong,  
     The weary one will bear;  
 And thou wilt wash me clean,  
 And lead to pastures green,  
     Where all the flowers are fair.

Till from the soil of sin,  
 Cleansed and made pure within,  
     Dear Savior whose I am,  
 Thou bringest me in love  
 To thy sweet fold above,  
     A snow-white little lamb.

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 XXV.

O Father, look upon us,  
 Here at thy feet to-day,  
 And though our words are feeble,  
 Thou know'st what we would say.

Though Thou art in the heavens,  
 Thou guardest all below;  
 Teach us to learn and follow.  
 All that we ought to know.

Teach us to use thy blessings,  
 From stings of conscience free;  
 May we be gay and happy,  
 Without forgetting Thee.

May we go on improving  
 The time which thou has given;  
 And may we not, O Father,  
 E'er lose the way to heaven.

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 XXVI.

Trust the children! Never doubt them,  
 Build a wall of love about them,  
 After sowing seeds of duty,  
 Trust them for the flow'rs of beauty.

Trust the children! Don't suspect them—  
 Let your confidence direct them:  
 At the hearth, or in the wild-wood,  
 Meet them on the plane of childhood.

Trust the little ones! Remember,  
 May is not like chill December:  
 Let not words of rage nor madness,  
 Check their happy notes of gladness.

Trust the little ones! yet guide them,  
 And above all, ne'er deride them,  
 Should they trip or should they blunder,  
 Lest you snap love's cord asunder.

Trust the children! Let them treasure  
 Mother's faith in boundless measure;

Father's love in them confiding,  
Then no secrets they'll be hiding.

Trust the children! Just as He did,  
Who for "such" once sweetly pleaded;  
Trust and guide, but never doubt them—  
Build a wall of love about them.

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XXVII.

Glory to Thee, my God, this night,  
For all the blessings of the light:  
Keep me, O keep me, King of Kings,  
Beneath the shadow of thy wings.

Forgive me, Lord, thro' thy dear Son,  
The ills which I this day have done;  
That with the world, myself, and Thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed;  
Teach me to live, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## XXIII.

Children do you love each other?  
 Are you always kind and true?  
 Do you always do to others  
 As you'd have them do to you?

Are you gentle to each other?  
 Are you careful, day by day,  
 Not to give offense by actions,  
 Or by anything you say?

Little children, love each other;  
 Never give another pain;  
 If your brother speak in anger,  
 Answer not in wrath again.

Be not selfish with each other,  
 Never mar another's rest;  
 Strive to make each other happy,  
 And you will yourself be blest.



## XXIX.

Jesus, unto Thee I pray,  
 Guide and guard me thro' this day.  
 As the shepherd tends his sheep,  
 Keep me—safe from evil keep.

All my little wants supply,  
 If I live or if I die,  
 Keep my feet from every snare—  
 Guard me with thy watchful care.

And when life, O Lord, is past,  
 Take me to thyself at last—  
 Fold me to thy gentle breast—  
 There forever may I rest.

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 XXX.

Our Heavenly Father, we will sing  
 To Thee, a hymn of praise;  
 Accept our evening offering;  
 Hear Thou our childish lays.

If, in the day that's past and gone,  
 We did thy Spirit grieve,  
 We, in the name of thy dear Son,  
 Do pray Thou wilt forgive.

We thank Thee for the tender care  
 That watched life's infant thread;  
 Else, we had now been sleeping where  
 The tombstones mark the dead.

We thank Thee for the food we eat,  
 And for the clothes we wear;  
 We thank Thee that our pulses beat  
 In this pure mountain air.

And when we lay us down to rest,  
 We pray Thee, safely keep,  
 And thro' the night may we be blest  
 With sweet, refreshing sleep.

And when the morn salutes the skies,  
 With life and vigor blest,  
 May we, with gratitude, arise,  
 And thank Thee for our rest.

We praise thy name that we are born  
 In days when prophets live,  
 And pray that we may never scorn  
 The counsels they shall give.

Prolong our lives, in righteousness  
 The path of life to tread,  
 And in thy kingdom, work to bless  
 The living and the dead.

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 XXXI.

Lord, I would own thy tender care,  
 And all thy love to me;  
 The food I eat, the clothes I wear,  
 Are all bestowed by Thee.

My health and friends and parents dear  
 To me, by God are given,



I have not any blessing here  
That's not bestowed by heaven.

Such goodness, Lord, and constant care,  
A child cannot repay,  
But may it be my daily prayer  
To love Thee and obey.

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XXXII.

Jesus, high in glory,  
Lend a list'ning ear:  
When we bow before Thee,  
Children's praises hear.

Tho' Thou art most holy,  
Heaven's almighty King,  
Thou wilt stoop to listen  
When thy praise we sing.

We are little children—  
Weak, and apt to stray;  
Savior, guide and keep us  
In the heavenly way.

Save us Lord, from sinning;  
Watch us day by day;  
Help us all to love Thee—  
Take our sins away.

Then when Thou shalt call us  
 To our heavenly home;  
 We will gladly answer,  
 Savior, Lord, we come.

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## XXXIII.

Father, now the day is past,  
 On thy child this blessing cast:  
 Near my pillow, hand in hand,  
 Keep thy guardian angel band;  
 And throughout the darkling night,  
 Bless me with a cheerful light;  
 Let me rise at morn again,  
 Free from sickness and from pain.  
 Passing through life's thorny way,  
 Keep me, Father, day by day.

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## XXXIV.

Children, obey your parents,  
 And give them honor due,  
 Is God's command, with promise  
 Of life and blessings too.

Seek, while the scenes of childhood,  
 And youth are moving on,

To store your minds with wisdom,  
And cherish reason's dawn.

Shun every evil practice,  
And set your standard high:  
You certainly will reach it,  
If you don't cease to try.

In right, be energetic,  
And never yield to wrong;  
The right is sure to triumph.  
Altho' prevented long.

The good, the wise and noble,  
Be sure to emulate:  
Be truly great in goodness,  
And you'll be truly great.



## XXXV.

'Tis meeting day, and we have met  
To join with those we love,  
In learning of our Savior,  
And his bright home above.

## CHORUS:

O, I can't stay away,  
O, I can't stay away,  
I love my little meetings so,  
I cannot stay away.

O, come my little playmates all,  
 And you can learn the way,  
 The Gospel came upon the earth,  
 In this, the latter-day.

We learn to love each other here—  
 We learn to love the Truth—  
 We learn to do as we are told  
 In childhood's early youth.

I cannot tell you all the good  
 That we are taught—all free;  
 But if you wish to learn yourselves,  
 Why, you must come and see.

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XXXVII.

Little children, love the Savior,  
 Learn to do His holy will;  
 He is whispering to you ever,  
 Sacred duties to fulfill.

Jesus said, love one another,  
 And forgive each other too;  
 Then as sister, or as brother,  
 Let us wisdom's course pursue.

Meek and humble like the Master,  
 To the Father we will pray,

That our footsteps may not falter  
 In the straight and narrow way.

We are learning to be useful,  
 In life's lessons day by day;  
 Honest, upright, gentle, truthful,  
 Treading wisdom's pleasant way.

Honor father, honor mother;  
 These are precepts Jesus taught;  
 And with kindness to each other,  
 May our actions all be fraught.

We must seek for heav'nly favor,  
 In the path our Savior trod;  
 Bravely wrestle with endeavor,  
 Holding fast the "iron rod."

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XXXVII.

Gladly meeting,  
 Kindly greeting,  
 On this precious meeting day,  
 Sinful thoughts be all forsaken—  
 Every seat in quiet taken—  
 Let each heart to God awaken,  
 While we sing and pray.

Gladly meeting,  
 Kindly greeting,  
 Let us all unite in heart,  
 While the throne we're all addressing,  
 And our sinful ways confessing,  
 Let us seek a heavenly blessing,  
 Ere we hence depart.

Gladly meeting,  
 Kindly greeting,  
 As each meeting shall return,  
 May our minds by study brighten—  
 May our aspirations heighten,  
 And may grace our souls enlighten  
 While we strive to learn.

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 XXXVIII.

The day dawn is breaking,  
 The night is awaking,  
 The cloud of our errors is fleeing away;  
 The world-wide commotion  
 From ocean to ocean,  
 Now heralds the time of the beautiful day.

## CHORUS:

Beautiful day of peace and rest,  
 Bright be thy dawn from east to west.  
 Hail to thine earliest welcome ray,  
 Beautiful, bright, millennial day.

In many a Temple  
 The Saints will assemble,  
 And labor as saviors of dear ones away;  
 Then happy re-union,  
 And sweetest communion  
 We'll have with our friends in the beautiful day.

Still let us be doing,  
 Our lessons reviewing,  
 Which God has revealed for our walk in  
 his way,  
 And then, wondrous story,  
 The Lord in his glory  
 Will come in his power in the beautiful  
 day.

Then pure and supernal—  
 Our friendship eternal,  
 With Jesus we'll live, and his counsels  
 obey;  
 Until every nation  
 Will join in salvation,  
 And worship the Lord of the beautiful day.

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 XXXIX.

Sing the sweet and touching story,  
 Of the babe in Beth'lem born;  
 How the morning star with glory  
 Lighted that auspicious morn.

What more beautiful and tender  
 Than the blessed Savior's birth?  
 Cradled in a lowly manger,  
 Was the King of all the earth.

Birds had nests, the foxes roaming  
 Had their refuge free from care;  
 Jesus had no safe abiding—  
 Homeless pilgrim everywhere.

Come to do his Father's bidding,  
 Fresh from brilliant courts on high,  
 Holy missions thus fulfilling—  
 Here to suffer and to die.

Now for us He's interceding  
 In bright mansions up above,  
 "Father, guide them," thus He's pleading,  
 "Save them through redeeming love."

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XL.

I sing the almighty power of God  
 That made the mountains rise—  
 That spread the flowing seas abroad,  
 And built the lofty skies.



I sing the wisdom that ordained  
 The sun to rule the day;  
 The moon shines full, at his command,  
 And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord,  
 That fills the earth with food:  
 He formed the creatures with His word,  
 And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed  
 Where'er I turn my eyes,  
 If I survey the ground I tread,  
 Or gaze upon the skies.

His hand is my perpetual guard—  
 He guides me with his eye;  
 How should I then forget the Lord,  
 Who is forever nigh.

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XLI.

All things bright and beautiful,  
 All creatures great and small,  
 All things wise and wonderful:  
 The great God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
 Each little bird that sings—  
 He made its flowing colors—  
 He made its tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, /  
 The river running by,  
 The morning, and the sunset  
 That lighteth up the sky.

The tall trees in the greenwood,  
 The pleasant summer sun,  
 The ripe fruits in the garden—  
 He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,  
 And lips that we might tell  
 How great is God Almighty,  
 Who has made all things well.

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XLII.

Dare to do right! dare to be true!  
 You have a work that no other can do;  
 Do it so bravely, so kindly, so well,  
 Angels will hasten the story to tell.

CHORUS:

Dare, dare, dare to do right,  
 Dare, dare, dare to be true,  
 Dare to be true, dare to be true!

Dare to do right, dare to be true!  
 Other men's failures can never save you.

Stand by your conscience, your honor  
 your faith;

Stand like a hero and battle till death.

Dare to do right, dare to be true!

God, who created you, cares for you too;

Treasures the tears that His striving ones  
 shed,

Counts and protects every hair of your  
 head.

Dare to do right, dare to be true!

Keep the great judgment seat always in  
 view.

Look at your work as you'll look at it  
 then—

Scanned by Jehovah, and angels and men.

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XLIII.

When many to the Savior's feet

Their little children brought,

And from his holy heart and lips

A Savior's blessing sought;

To some who, with mistaken zeal,

The mother's prayers forbade,

"Let little children come to me,"

The blessed Savior said.

"Forbid them not, and never chide  
 Their wish to see my face,  
 For little children, such as these  
 My Father's kingdom grace."  
 Then gathered in his loving arms,  
 And folded to his breast,  
 He poured a blessing all divine  
 On every little guest.

Dear children, Jesus is the same,  
 Though now enthroned above;  
 He waits to bless you as of old  
 With his forgiving love.  
 He sees with joy each weak attempt  
 His favor to obtain,  
 And those who early seek his face  
 Shall never seek in vain.

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 XLIV.

Praise to God, the great Creator;  
 Praise to God, from every tongue:  
 Let us join with every creature—  
 Join the universal song,  
 Father, source of all compassion,  
 Pure, unbounded grace is thine:  
 Hail the God of our salvation!  
 Praise Him for his love divine.

Joyfully, on earth adore Him,  
 Till in heaven our songs we raise;  
 Then enraptured fall before Him,  
 Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Praise to God, the great Creator,  
 Father, Son and Holy Ghost;  
 Praise Him, every living creature,  
 Earth and heaven's united host.

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 XLV.

Do what is right: the day-dawn is break-  
 ing,  
 Hailing a future of freedom and light:  
 Angels above us are silent notes taking  
 Of every action: Do what is right!

## CHORUS:

Do what is right: let the consequence fol-  
 low;  
 Battle for freedom in spirit and might;  
 And, with stout hearts look ye forth till  
 to-morrow:  
 God will protect you: Do what is right!

Do what is right: the shackles are falling—  
 Chains of the bondsmen no longer are  
 bright;

Lightened by hope, soon they'll cease to  
be galling;

Truth goeth onward: Do what is right!

Do what is right: be faithful and fearless:

Onward, press onward, the goal is in  
sight:

Eyes that are wet now, ere long will be  
tearless;

Blessings await you in doing what's  
right.

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XLVI.

How sweet, how heavenly is the sight,

When those who love the Lord

In one another's peace delight,

And thus fulfill his word.

When each can feel his brother's sigh,

And with him bear a part;

When sorrow flows from eye to eye,

And joy from heart to heart.

When free from envy, scorn and pride,

Our wishes all above,

Each can his brother's failings hide,

And show a brother's love.

Let love, in one delightful stream,  
 Thro' every bosom flow;  
 And union sweet, and dear esteem  
 In every action glow.

Love is the golden chain that binds  
 The happy souls above;  
 And he's an heir of heaven, who finds  
 His bosom glow with love.

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 XLVII.

O my Father, Thou that dwellest  
 In the high and glorious place!  
 When shall I regain thy presence,  
 And again behold thy face?  
 In thy holy habitation,  
 Did my spirit once reside?  
 In my first primeval childhood,  
 Was I nurtured by thy side?  
 For a wise and glorious purpose,  
 Thou hast placed me here on earth,  
 And withheld the recollection  
 Of my former friends and birth:  
 Yet, ofttimes a secret something  
 Whispered "You're a stranger here;"  
 And I felt that I had wander'd  
 From a more exalted sphere.

I had learned to call Thee Father,  
 Through thy Spirit from on high;  
 But, until the Key of Knowledge  
 Was restored, I knew not why.  
 In the heavens are parents single?  
 No, the thought makes reason stare!  
 Truth is reason—truth eternal  
 Tells me I've a mother there.

When I leave this frail existence—  
 When I lay this mortal by,  
 Father, mother, may I meet you  
 In your royal courts on high?  
 Then, at length, when I've completed  
 All you sent me forth to do,  
 With your mutual approbation,  
 Let me come and dwell with you.

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 XLVIII.

How firm a foundation, ye Saints of the  
 Lord,  
 Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
 What more can he say than to you he hath  
 said—  
 You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?



In every condition, in sickness, in health,  
 In poverty's vale or abounding in wealth,  
 At home or abroad, on the land or the sea,  
 As thy days may demand, so thy succor  
 shall be.

Fear not, I am with thee; O, be not dis-  
 mayed,  
 For I am thy God, and will still give thee  
 aid;  
 I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause  
 thee to stand,  
 Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee  
 to go,  
 The rivers of sorrow shall not thee o'er-  
 flow;  
 For I will be with thee, thy troubles to  
 bless,  
 And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway  
 shall lie,  
 My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy sup-  
 ply,  
 The flame will not hurt thee; I only design  
 Thy dross to consume and thy gold to re-  
 fine.

## XLIX.

Children of the heavenly King,  
 Journeying on, we sweetly sing—  
 Sing our Savior's royal praise—  
 Glorious in these latter-days.

We are traveling home to God,  
 In the way the Saints have trod;  
 They are happy now, and we  
 Aim with them to happy be.

Shout, we, little flock, are blest—  
 We near Jesus' throne shall rest;  
 There our seats will be prepared—  
 There our kingdom and reward.

Singing, praying, on we go  
 While we journey here below:  
 Hallelujah! Shout and sing  
 Glory be to Zion's King.

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 L.

This earth was once a garden place,  
 With all her glories common;  
 And men did live a holy race,  
 And worship Jesus face to face  
 In Adam-Ondi-Ahman.

We read that Enoch walked with God,  
 Above the power of Mammon;  
 While Zion spread herself abroad,  
 And Saints and angels sang aloud,  
 In Adam-Ondi-Ahman.

Her land was good and greatly blest  
 Beyond Old Israel's Canaan;  
 Her fame was known from east to west;  
 Her peace was great, and pure the rest  
 Of Adam-Ondi-Ahman.

Hosanna to such days to come—  
 The Savior's second coming,  
 When all the earth in glorious bloom,  
 Affords the Saints a holy home,  
 Like Adam-Ondi-Ahman.



## LI.

The Spirit of God like a fire is burning!  
 The latter-day glory begins to come  
 forth;  
 The visions and blessings of old are re-  
 turning,  
 The angels are coming to visit the earth.

## CHORUS:

We'll sing and we'll shout with the armies  
of heaven—

Hosanna, hosanna to God and the Lamb!  
Let glory to them in the highest be given,  
Henceforth, and forever: Amen and  
Amen. ,

The Lord is extending the Saints' under-  
standing,

Restoring their judges and all as at first;  
The knowledge and power of God are ex-  
panding;

The vail o'er the earth is beginning to  
burst.

We'll call in our solemn assemblies in  
spirit,

To spread forth the kingdom of heaven  
abroad,

That we, through our faith, may begin to  
inherit

The visions and blessings and glories of  
God.

We'll wash and be washed, and with oil  
be anointed,

Withal not omitting the washing of feet;

For he that receiveth his pennyappointed  
 Must surely be clean at the harvest of  
 wheat.

Old Israel, that fled from the world for his  
 freedom,  
 Must come with the cloud and the pillar  
 amain,  
 A Moses and Aaron and Joshua lead him,  
 And feed him on manna from heaven  
 again.

How blessed the day when the lamb and  
 the lion  
 Shall lie down together without any ire;  
 And Ephraim be crowned with his bless-  
 ings in Zion,  
 As Jesus descends with his chariots of  
 fire.

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LII.

Am I a soldier of the cross,  
 A follower of the Lamb,  
 And shall I fear to own his cause,  
 Or blush to speak his name?

Shall I be carried to the skies  
 On flowery beds of ease,

While others fought to win the prize,  
And sailed through bloody seas?

Are there no foes for me to face?

Must I not stem the flood?

Is this vain world a friend to grace,  
To help me on to God?

Sure I must fight if I would reign:

Increase my courage, Lord!

I'll bear the toil—endure the pain,  
Supported by thy word.

Thy Saints, in all this glorious war,

Shall conquer, though they die;

They see the triumph from afar—

By faith they bring it nigh.

When that illustrious day shall rise,

And all thine armies shine

In robes of victory through the skies,

The glory shall be thine.

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LIII.

Behold the mountain of the Lord

In latter days shall rise,

On mountain tops above the hills,

And draw the wond'ring eyes.

To this the joyful nations round,  
All tribes and tongues, shall flow;  
Up to the hill of God, they'll say,  
And to his House we'll go.

The rays that shine from Zion's hill  
Shall lighten every land;  
The King who reigns in Salem's towers  
Shall all the world command.

Among the nations he shall judge—  
His judgments truth shall guide;  
His scepter shall protect the just,  
And quell the sinner's pride.

No strife shall rage, nor hostile feuds  
Disturb those peaceful years;  
To plowshares men shall beat their swords,  
To pruning hooks their spears.

No longer host encountering host  
Shall crowds of slain deplore;  
They'll hang the trumpet in the hall,  
And study war no more.

Come then, O house of Jacob; come  
To worship at his shrine;  
And walking in the light of God,  
With holy beauties shine.

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,  
No longer as strangers on earth need we  
roam;  
Glad tidings are sounding to us and each  
nation,  
And shortly the hour of redemption will  
come;  
When all that was promised the Saints  
will be given  
And none will molest them from morn  
until eve,  
And earth will appear as the garden of  
Eden,  
And Jesus will say to all Israel "Come  
home."  
We'll love one another, and never dissem-  
ble,  
But cease to do evil, and ever be one;  
And while the ungodly are fearing, and  
tremble,  
We'll watch for the day when the Savior  
will come;  
When all that was promised the Saints  
will be given,  
And none will molest them from morn  
until eve,



And earth will appear as the garden of  
Eden,  
And Jesus will say to all Israel "Come  
home."

In faith we'll rely on the arm of Jehovah,  
To guide through these last days of  
trouble and gloom,

And after the scourges and harvest are  
over,

We'll rise with the just when the Savior  
doth come:

Then all that was promised the Saints will  
be given,

And they will be crowned as the angels  
of heaven;

And earth will appear as the garden of  
Eden,

And Christ and his people will ever be  
one.

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 LV.

Come, all ye sons of Zion,

And let us praise the Lord;

His ransomed are returning,

According to his word;

In sacred songs and gladness

They walk the narrow way,

And thank the Lord who brought them  
To see the latter day.

Come ye dispersed of Judah,  
Join in the theme and sing,  
With harmony increasing,  
The praises of your King,  
Whose arm is now extended,  
On which the world may gaze,  
To gather up the righteous  
In these the latter days.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,  
And let your joys abound;  
The voice of God shall reach you  
Wherever you are found,  
And call you back from bondage,  
That you may sing his praise  
In Zion and Jerusalem,  
In these the latter days.

Then gather up for Zion,  
Ye Saints throughout the land,  
And clear the way before you,  
As God shall give command.  
Though wicked men and devils  
Exert their power 'tis vain,  
Since He, who is eternal,  
Has said you shall obtain.

## LVI.

Praise to the man who communed with  
 Jehovah;  
 Jesus anointed "that Prophet and Seer;"  
 Blessed to open the last dispensation;  
 Kings shall extol him, and nations re-  
 vere.

## CHORUS:

Hail to the Prophet, ascended to heaven;  
 Traitors and tyrants now fight him in  
 vain;  
 Mingling with Gods, he can plan for his  
 brethren:  
 Death cannot conquer that hero again.

Praise to his mem'ry—he died as a martyr;  
 Honored and blest be his ever great  
 name;  
 Long shall his blood, which was shed by  
 assassins,  
 Stain Illinois, while the earth lauds his  
 fame.

Great is his glory, and endless his Priest-  
 hood;  
 Ever and ever the keys he will hold:

Faithful and true he will enter his king-  
 dom,  
 Crowned in the midst of the Prophets  
 of old.

Sacrifice brings forth the blessings of  
 heaven;  
 Earth must atone for the blood of that  
 man:

Wake up the world for the conflict of  
 justice;  
 Millions shall know "Brother Joseph"  
 again.

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 LVII.

Come let us anew our journey pursue,  
 Roll round with the year,  
 And never stand still till the Master ap-  
 pear.

His adorable will, let us gladly fulfill,  
 And our talents improve  
 By the patience of hope and the labors of  
 love.

Our life as a dream—our time as a stream,  
 Glide swiftly away,  
 And the fugitive moment refuses to stay.

The arrow is flown—the moments are  
gone—

The Millennial year  
Rushes on to our view, and eternity's  
here.

O, that each in the day of his coming may  
say,

“I have fought my way through,  
I have finished the work thou didst give  
me to do.”

O, that each from his Lord may receive  
the glad word,

“Well and faithfully done—  
Enter into my joy and sit down on my  
throne.”



LVIII.

The Seer, the Seer, Joseph the Seer!  
I'll sing of the Prophet ever dear:  
His equal now cannot be found  
By searching the wide world around.  
With Gods he soared in the realms of day,  
And men he taught the heavenly way.  
The earthly Seer—the heavenly Seer!  
I love to dwell on his memory dear:

The chosen of God and the friend of man,  
 He brought the Priesthood back again;  
 He gazed on the past, on the present too,  
 And opened the heavenly world to view.

Of noble seed, of heavenly birth;  
 He came to bless the sons of earth;  
 With keys by the Almighty given,  
 He opened the full, rich stores of heaven:  
 O'er the world that was wrapt in sable  
     night,

Like the sun, he spread his golden light:  
 He strove, O, how he strove to stay  
 The stream of crime in its reckless way;  
 With a mighty mind and a noble aim,  
 He urged the wayward to reclaim;  
 'Mid the foaming billows of angry strife  
 He stood at the helm of the ship of life.

The Saints—the Saints his only pride,  
 For them he lived—for them he died!  
 Their joys were his—their sorrows too:  
 He loved the Saints, and he loved Nauvoo.  
 Unchanged to death, with a Savior's love,  
 He pleads their cause in the courts above.  
 The Seer, the Seer, Joseph the Seer!  
 O, how I love his memory dear!  
 The just and wise—the pure and free  
 A father he was and is to me.

Let fiends now rage in their dark hour—  
No matter, he is beyond their power.

He's free! he's free! the Prophet's free!  
He is where he will ever be;  
Beyond the reach of mobs and strife  
He rests unharmed, in endless life;  
His home's in the sky, he dwells with the  
Gods,

Far from the furious rage of mobs.  
He died—he died for those he loved—  
He reigns—he reigns in the realms above;  
He waits with the just who have gone be-  
fore,

To welcome the Saints to Zion's shore.  
Shout, shout ye Saints; this boon is given—  
We'll meet our martyred Seer in heaven.

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LIX.

There's not a tint that paints the rose,  
Or decks the lily fair,  
Or taints the humblest flower that grows,  
But God has placed it there.

There's not of grass a single blade,  
Or leaf of lowest mien;  
Where heavenly skill is not displayed,  
And heavenly wisdom seen.

There's not a tempest, dark and dread,  
 That rends the shivering a r,  
 Or blast that sweeps o'er ocean's bed,  
 But heaven's own voice is there.

There's not a star whose twinkling light  
 Illumes the distant earth,  
 And cheers the solemn gloom of night,  
 But Father gave it birth.

There's not a cloud whose dew's distill  
 Upon the parching clod,  
 Reviving every vale and hill,  
 But what is sent by God.

Around, abroad, below, above,  
 Wherever thought extends,  
 There heaven displays its boundless love,  
 And power with mercy blends.

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 LX.

Nay, speak no ill, a kindly word,  
 Can never leave a sting behind;  
 And O, to breathe each tale we've heard,  
 Is far beneath a noble mind.  
 Full oft a better seed is sown  
 By cheering thus, the kinder plan;  
 For, if but little good we know,  
 Still let us speak the best we can.



Give me the heart that fain would hide—

    Would fain another's fault efface;

How can it pleasure human pride

    To prove humanity but base?

No, let us reach a higher mood—

    A nobler estimate of man:

Be earnest in the search for good,

    And speak of all the best we can.

Then, speak no ill, but lenient be

    To others' failings as your own,

If you're the first a fault to see,

    Be not the first to make it known.

For life is but a passing day,

    No lip may tell how brief its span;

Then, O, the little time we stay,

    Let's speak of all the best we can.

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LXI.

We'll bless our God for daily bread,

And all the bounties earth has spread:

And for the bright, prolific ray

Emitted by the king of day.

CHORUS:

Our life was made for happiness,

And not for sorrow and distress.

We'll bless Him for the boon of health,  
 That mine of richest, sweetest wealth,  
 And ne'er forget, whene'er we bend,  
 To thank Him for the faithful friend.

We'll bless Him, no historic page,  
 Enrolled our names in former age,  
 But that we live in days so bright,  
 Emblazon'd by the Gospel light.

Revealed by Joseph firm and true,  
 By Brigham and by Heber too;  
 And Brother Taylor's honor'd name,  
 Has on our hearts as warm a claim.

God bless this people everywhere—  
 His Spirit may they ever share,  
 And then they'll *know*, by day and night,  
 What e'er betide them, ALL IS RIGHT.

CHORUS:

Our life is made for happiness,  
 And not for sorrow and distress.

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LXII.

Farewell all earthly honors—  
 I bid you all adieu:  
 Farewell all sinful pleasures,  
 I want no more of you.

I want my habitation  
 On that eternal soil,  
 Beyond the powers of Satan,  
 Where sin can ne'er defile.

I want my name engraven  
 Among the righteous ones,  
 Crying holy, holy Father,  
 And wear a righteous crown.  
 For such eternal riches,  
 I'm willing to pass through  
 All needful tribulations,  
 And count them my just due.

I'm willing to be chastened,  
 And bear my daily cross;  
 I'm willing to be cleansed  
 From every kind of dross.  
 I see a fiery furnace—  
 I feel its piercing flames;  
 The fruits of it are holy—  
 The gold will still remain.

All earthly tribulations  
 Are but a moment here;  
 Then, O, if we prove faithful,  
 A righteous crown we'll wear.

We shall be counted holy,  
 And feed on angels' food,  
 Rejoicing in bright glory,  
 Before the throne of God.

There Christ himself has promised  
 A mansion to prepare;  
 And all who serve Him faithf'ly,  
 The victor's wreath shall wear.  
 Bright crowns shall then be given  
 To all the ransomed throng,  
 And glory, glory, glory,  
 Shall be the conq'ror's song.

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 LXIII.

To Thee, our heavenly Father,  
 We'll now our voices raise,  
 Thro' whose eternal mercy,  
 We live in these last days.

We'll join to sing thy praises  
 For blessings Thou hast given—  
 The blessings of the Gospel,  
 Which leads from earth to heaven.

The prophet Joseph brought us  
 Thy truth without alloy;  
 The principles he taught us,  
 Fill humble hearts with joy.

We thank Thee that an angel  
 To earth the tidings bore,  
 That thy eternal Priesthood,  
 Thou would'st again restore.

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## LXIV.

O, ye mountains high, where the clear  
 blue sky  
 Arches over the vales of the free;  
 Where the pure breezes blow  
 And the clear streamlets flow,  
 How I've longed to your bosom to flee.  
 O Zion, dear Zion, home of the free;  
 My own mountain home, now to thee I  
 have come—  
 All my fond hopes are centred in thee.  
 Tho' the great and the wise all thy beauties  
 despise,  
 To the humble and pure thou art dear;  
 Tho' the haughty my smile,  
 And the wicked revile,  
 Yet we love thy glad tidings to hear.  
 O Zion, dear Zion, home of the free;  
 Tho' thou wert forced to fly to thy cham-  
 bers on high,  
 Yet we'll share joy and sorrow with  
 thee.

In thy mountain retreat God will strength-  
 en thy feet,  
 On the necks of thy foes thou shalt tread;  
 And the silver and gold,  
 As the prophets have told,  
 Shall be brought to adorn thy fair head.  
 O Zion, dear Zion, home of the free;  
 Soon thy towers will shine with a splendor  
 divine,  
 And eternal thy glory shall be.

Here our voices we'll raise, and we'll sing  
 to thy praise,  
 Sacred home of the prophets of God;  
 Thy deliv'rance is nigh—  
 Thy oppressors shall die,  
 And the Gentiles shall bow 'neath thy  
 rod.  
 O Zion, dear Zion, home of the free;  
 In thy temples we'll bend, all thy rights  
 we'll defend,  
 And our home shall be ever with thee.

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 LXV.

Our God, our Father and our Friend—  
 God of Eternity;  
 To thine abode, my thoughts ascend—  
 My spirit pants for Thee.

To Thee belongs the sweetest praise  
 Expressed by human tongue—  
 To Thee, the most exalted lays  
 By pure immortals sung.

I am thy child: let me discern  
 Thy footsteps as they move;  
 Help me, thro' faithfulness, to earn  
 A fulness of thy love.

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LXVI.

We will praise Thee, O God, we will praise  
 Thee,

Thy name we will gladly adore,  
 That we live in this blest dispensation  
 Desired by the prophets of yore.  
 Yes, the prophets, the bards and the sages,  
 Looked forward to these latter days;  
 And we, in the grandest of ages,  
 Are living and learning thy ways.

The Gospel that men can rely on,  
 Is restored by the Lord God of Hosts;  
 And that we have been "born in Zion,"  
 We for ever will gratefully boast.  
 We truly and fervently thank Thee,  
 That our lot is appointed to be  
 With thy chosen and covenant people,  
 In these valleys, "the home of the free."

We thank Thee, O God, for these moun-  
tains,  
For their shelter of freedom and truth;  
For the love that from measureless foun-  
tains,  
Has shielded and guided our youth.  
When our parents shall rest from their  
labors—  
When they pass thro' mortality's veil,  
Then, then we must bear off the kingdom  
That our Father has said "shall prevail."

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 LXVII.

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing;  
Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, thy love possessing,  
Triumph in redeeming grace.  
O, refresh us,  
Travelling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give, and adoration,  
For the Gospel's joyful sound;  
May the fruits of thy salvation  
In our hearts and lives abound.  
Ever faithful  
To the truth may we be found.



## SONGS.

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### JOSEPH SMITH'S FIRST PRAYER.

O, how lovely was the morning—  
Radiant beamed the sun above;  
Bees were humming, birds were singing,  
Music ringing through the grove,  
When within the shady woodland,  
Joseph sought the God of love.

Humbly kneeling—thus appealing,  
'Twas the boy's first uttered prayer;  
When the powers of sin assailing,  
Filled his soul with deep despair:  
But undaunted still, he trusted  
In his heavenly Father's care.

Suddenly a light descended,  
Brighter far than noonday sun,  
And a shining, glorious pillar  
O'er him fell—around him shone,  
While appeared two heav'nly beings,  
God the Father, and the Son.

“Joseph, this is my Beloved—  
Hear him!” O, how sweet the word!

Joseph's humble prayer was answered,  
 And he listened to the Lord.  
 O, what rapture filled his bosom,  
 For he saw the living God.

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### YOUR MISSION.

If you cannot on the ocean  
 Sail among the swiftest fleet,  
 Rocking on the highest billows—  
 Laughing at the storms you meet;  
 You can stand among the sailors  
 Anchored yet within the bay,  
 You can lend a hand to help them  
 As they launch their boats away.

If you are too weak to journey  
 Up the mountain steep and high,  
 You can stand within the valley  
 While the multitudes go by;  
 You can chant in happy measure  
 As they slowly pass along;  
 Tho' they may forget the singer,  
 They will not forget the song.

If you have not gold and silver  
 Ever ready to command;  
 If you cannot to the needy,  
 Reach an ever open hand;

You can visit the afflicted—  
 O'er the erring you can weep,  
 You can be a true disciple,  
 Sitting at the Savior's feet.

If you cannot in the conflict,  
 Prove yourself a soldier true;  
 If, where fire and smoke are thickest,  
 There's no work for you to do;  
 When the battle-field is silent,  
 You can go with careful tread,  
 You can bear away the wounded,  
 You can cover up the dead.

Do not, then, stand idly waiting  
 For some greater work to do;  
 Fortune is a lazy goddess,  
 She will never come to you.  
 Go and toil in any vineyard,  
 Do not fear to do or dare,  
 If you want a field of labor  
 You can find it anywhere.

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#### GATHER THEM INTO THE FOLD.

Open the door for the children,  
 Tenderly gather them in—  
 In from the highways and hedges—  
 In from the places of sin.

Some are so young and so helpless,  
 Some are so hungry and cold;  
 Open the door for the children—  
 Gather them into the fold.

## CHORUS:

Gather them in,  
 Gather them in:  
 Open the door for the children—  
 Gather them into the fold.

Open the door for the children,  
 See, they are coming in throngs;  
 Bid them sit down to the banquet—  
 Teach them your beautiful songs,  
 Pray to the Father to bless them—  
 Pray you that grace may be given;  
 Open the door for the children,  
 "Of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Open the door for the children,  
 Take the dear lambs by the hand;  
 Point them to truth and to Jesus—  
 Point them to heaven's bright land;  
 Some are so young and so helpless—  
 Some are so hungry and cold;  
 Open the door for the children—  
 Gather them into the fold.

## THE PRIMARY ARMY.

Who riseth like the light enrolled  
 O'er all the landscape fair and wide?  
 They come, and wond'ring eyes behold  
 Their numbers and their youth, with  
 pride.

And this their waving banners tell—  
 We are the hope of Israel.

We come from homes of truth and love,  
 Where days, begun and closed with  
 prayer,

Have bound our hearts to Him above,  
 And his, the mission which we bear,  
 And this, our cov'nant, each and all—  
 We follow, follow at his call.

An army for the Lord enrolled—  
 The snow-white robes of peace we wear;  
 Fair Zion is the fort we hold,  
 And righteousness, the sword we bear:  
 The sacred flag is now unfurled;  
 We march to gather all the world.

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 OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN.

Our Father in heaven,  
 We hallow thy name:  
 May thy kingdom holy,  
 On earth be the same;

O give to us daily,  
 Our portion of bread,  
 For 'tis from thy bounty,  
 That all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions,  
 And teach us to know  
 The humble compassion  
 That pardons each foe:  
 Keep us from temptation—  
 From weakness and sin,  
 And thine be the glory,  
 Forever. Amen.

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#### CHILDREN'S SONG.

We are the children of the Saints  
 Of these the latter days,  
 When God again has caused to shine  
 Truth's bright, effulgent rays.  
 His kingdom He is building up,  
 To bear unbounded sway,  
 That Zion may appear in all its glory.

#### CHORUS:

Hurrah, hurrah, we'll help the work  
 along,  
 Hurrah, hurrah, we'll help the work  
 along.

'Tis expected that the children will perform a noble part,  
In rolling on the kingdom in its glory.

How bright have been parental hopes  
About what we shall do,  
In rolling on Jehovah's work,  
And helping put it through.  
We'll stem the tide of wickedness,  
That deluges the world,  
That Zion may appear in all its glory.

The Savior we'll prepare to meet  
When He shall come again,  
To wield the power of government,  
And o'er the nations reign;  
We'll cleanse and purify our hearts,  
That we may be with Him,  
When Zion is redeemed in all its glory.

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### TELLING LIES.

Never stoop to tell lies—  
Never try to deceive;  
Do not act the vile falsehood  
That none should believe.

There is nothing so lovely,  
 In childhood and youth,  
 As the fresh rosy lips  
 Which are sacred to truth.

Do not stoop to tell lies—  
 Let no hypocrite's play  
 Of gesture or look,  
 Lead another astray.  
 'Tis the pure, simple language  
 Of truth that doth win—  
 The words that come fresh  
 From the warm heart within.

Do not stoop to tell lies—  
 God hears all you say;  
 He knows the wrong meaning  
 Your false words convey.  
 And the lies, lightly spoken,  
 Forgotten when said,  
 Will appear when He judges  
 The quick and the dead.

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#### LOVE AT HOME.

There is beauty all around  
 When there's love at home;  
 There is joy in every sound  
 When there's love at home.



Peace and plenty here abide,  
Smiling sweet on every side;  
Time doth softly, sweetly glide  
When there's love at home.

In the cottage there is joy  
When there's love at home;  
Hate and envy ne'er annoy  
When there's love at home.

Roses bloom beneath our feet,  
All the earth's a garden sweet;  
Making life a bliss complete  
When there's love at home.

Kindly heaven smiles above  
When there's love at home;  
All the world is filled with love  
When there's love at home.  
Sweeter sings the brooklet by,  
Brighter beams the azure sky;  
O, there's One that smiles on high  
When there's love at home.

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#### MY FATHER DEAR.

My own indulgent father;  
Most good and kind to me:  
My heart is full of gratitude  
As heart of child can be. \*

The sweetest tones cannot express  
 What my warm bosom feels,  
 For all the love and tenderness  
 A father's care reveals.

## CHORUS:

My father dear—  
 My father dear—  
 My own kind loving father.

My earthly gifts and blessings,  
 From father's bounties flow:  
 O, how shall I the debt repay?  
 What can a child bestow?  
 I will not deign an offering  
 From Mammon's shining mart;  
 A richer token I will bring—  
 A tribute from the heart.

I think upon his kindness,  
 And fond emotions swell  
 From pure affection's fountain streams,  
 And more than words can tell.  
 The purpose of my heart shall be,  
 My gratitude to prove,  
 And with my life's integrity,  
 To testify my love.

## MY MOTHER DEAR.

There was a place in childhood,  
 That I remember well,  
 And there, a voice of sweetest tones,  
 Bright loving tales would tell;  
 And gentle words and fond embrace,  
 Were given with joy to me,  
 When I was in that happy place—  
 Upon my mother's knee.

## CHORUS:

My mother dear!  
 My mother dear!  
 My gentle, gentle mother.

When loving tales were ended,  
 "Good night," she softly said,  
 And kissed and laid me down to sleep,  
 Within my tiny bed;  
 And holy words she taught me there—  
 Methinks I yet can see  
 Her angel eyes, as close I knelt  
 Beside my mother's knee.

In sickness of my childhood,  
 And sorrows of my prime;  
 And griefs of all my riper years,  
 And cares of every time—

When doubt or danger weighed me down,  
 Then, pleading all for me,  
 It was a fervent prayer to heaven,  
 That bent my mother's knee.

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### BE TRUE TO YOURSELF.

Be true to yourself at the start, young man,  
 Be true to yourself and God;  
 Ere you build your house, mark well  
 the spot,  
 Test well the ground, and build you not  
 On the sand nor the sinking sod.

Dig, dig the foundation deep, young man,  
 Plant firmly the outer wall;  
 Let the props be strong, and the roof be  
 high,  
 Like an open turret toward the sky,  
 Through which heav'nly dews may  
 fall.

Let this be the room of the soul, young  
 man,  
 When shadows shall herald care—  
 A chamber with never a roof or thatch  
 To hinder the light; nor door, nor latch  
 To shut in the spirit's prayer.

Build slow and sure—'tis for life, young  
man,

A life that outlives the breath;

For who shall gainsay the Holy Word?

“Their works do follow them,” saith the  
Lord.

“Therein there is no death.”

Build deep, and high, and broad, young  
man,

As the needful case demands:

Let your title deeds be clear and bright,

Till you enter your claim to the Lord of  
Light

To the House not made with hands.

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#### THE BUSY BEE.

How doth the little busy bee

Improve each shining hour,

And gather honey all the day,

From every opening flower.

How skilfully she builds her cell—

How neat she spreads the wax;

And labors hard to store it well

With the sweet food she makes.

In works of labor and of skill,  
 I should be busy too;  
 For satan finds some mischief still,  
 For idle hands to do.

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### LIVE FOR SOMETHING.

Live for something: be not idle—  
 Look about you for employ:  
 Sit not down to useless dreaming—  
 Labor brings the sweetest joy;  
 Folded hands are ever weary—  
 Selfish hearts are never gay:  
 Life, for you, has many duties;  
 Active be, then, while you may.

Scatter blessings in your pathway;  
 Gentle words and cheering smiles  
 Better are than gold and silver,  
 With their grief-dispelling wiles.  
 As the pleasant sunshine falleth  
 Ever on the grateful earth,  
 So let sympathy and kindness  
 Gladden well the gloomy hearth.

O'er the heart oppressed and weary,  
 Drop the tear of sympathy:  
 Whisper words of hope and comfort,  
 Give, and your reward shall be

Joy unto your heart returning;  
 From this perfect fountain head,  
 Freely, as you've freely given,  
 Shall rich grace on you be shed.

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TO A GRANDCHILD.

O, speak the truth, my pretty child—  
 O, speak the sacred truth:  
 'Twill blossom bright in years of age,  
 If planted now in youth,  
 For truth is like a lovely flower,  
 That blooms in summer's day;  
 It is a flower that never fades—  
 Its blossoms ne'er decay.

O, speak the truth, my darling child,  
 And never tell a lie;  
 You'll know the value of the truth  
 When you are old as I.  
 Tho' now I'm tott'ring near the grave,  
 And gone is all my youth,  
 A brighter day I hope to see  
 In glorious realms of truth.

Still speak the truth, my lovely child,  
 Wherever you may be;  
 'Twill guide you through this weary wor  
 So like a troubled sea.

The truth will smooth the rugged path,  
 If you'll but keep it still:  
 Truth never leads to what is wrong,  
 And never comes to ill.

Now let me kiss that pretty mouth,  
 And part that yellow hair;  
 Then run and bring a fragrant flower,  
 And I will place it there;  
 And then you'll kiss grandmother's cheek,  
 And come and sit near by,  
 And you'll be grandma's darling pet  
 That would not tell a lie.

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#### DON'T KILL THE BIRDS.

Don't kill the little birds,  
 That sing on bush and tree,  
 All thro' the summer days,  
 Their sweetest melody.

Don't shoot the little birds!  
 The earth is God's estate,  
 And He provideth food  
 For small as well as great.

Don't kill the little birds;  
 Their plumage wings the air,  
 Their trill at early morn  
 Makes music everywhere.



What though the cherries fall  
 Half eaten, from the stem?  
 And berries disappear,  
 In garden, field and glen?

Still like the widow's cruse,  
 There's always plenty left;  
 How sad a world were this,  
 Of little birds bereft;  
 Think of the good they do  
 In all the orchards round;  
 No hurtful insects thrive  
 Where robins most abound.

Don't kill the little birds,  
 That sing on bush and tree,  
 All through the summer days,  
 Their sweetest melody.  
 In this great world of ours,  
 If we can trust his Word,  
 There's food enough for all—  
 Don't kill a single bird!

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TO A STAR.

Little star, that shines so bright  
 In the darkness of the night;  
 Like a burning lamp on high—  
 Like a jewel in the sky.

When the sun has gone to rest  
 Down behind the the distant west;  
 Then your kind and gentle light,  
 Sheds its beauty on the night.

Though your light is but a spark  
 When it twinkles in the dark;  
 Oft the tiny spark will show  
 Little children where to go.

Now I wonder if you keep  
 Watching o'er me when I sleep:  
 When I lie upon my bed,  
 Are you shining over head?

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#### HELPING PAPA AND MAMMA.

Planting the corn and potatoes,  
 Helping to scatter the seeds,  
 Feeding the hens and the chickens,  
 Freeing the gardens from weeds,  
 Driving the cows to the pasture,  
 Feeding the horse in the stall,  
 We little children are busy—  
 Sure there is work for us all,  
 Helping papa.

Spreading hay in the sunshine,  
 Raking it up when it's dry,  
 Picking the apples and peaches  
 Down in the orchard hard by,  
 Picking the grapes in the vineyard,  
 Gathering nuts in the fall—  
 We little children are busy,  
 Yes, there is work for us all,  
     Helping papa.

Sweeping, and washing the dishes,  
 Bringing the wood from the shed,  
 Ironing, sewing and knitting,  
 . Helping to make up the bed,  
 Taking good care of the baby,  
 Watching her lest she should fall,  
 We little children are busy,  
 O, there is work for us all,  
     Helping mamma.

Work makes us cheerful and happy,  
 Makes us both active and strong:  
 Play, we enjoy all the better  
 When we have labored so long.  
 Gladly we help our kind parents—  
 Quickly we come at their call:  
 Children should love to be busy—  
 There is much work for us all,  
     Helping papa and mamma.

## LITTLE FOOTSTEPS.

Little footsteps, soft and gentle,  
 Gliding by our cottage door,  
 How I love to hear their trample,  
 As I heard in days of yore;  
 Tiny feet that traveled lightly  
 In this weary world of woe,  
 Silent now, in yonder churchyard,  
 'Neath the dismal grave below.

## CHORUS:

Little footsteps, soft and gentle,  
 Gliding by our cottage door.  
 She sleeps the sleep that knows no waking,  
 By the golden river's shore;  
 And my heart still yearns with sadness,  
 When I pass that cottage door.  
 Sweetly, now, the angels carol,  
 Tidings from our loved one far,  
 That she still does hover o'er us,  
 And will be our guiding star.

## CHORUS:

She sleeps the sleep that knows no waking,  
 By the golden river's shore.  
 Little footsteps now will journey  
 In the world of sin no more:  
 Ne'er they'll press the sandbanks lightly,  
 By the golden river's shore.

Mother, weep not — father, grieve not:  
 Try to smooth your trouble o'er,  
 For I'll think of her as sleeping—  
 Not as dead, but gone before.

CHORUS:

Little footsteps now will journey  
 In the world of sin no more.

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PARTING OF FRIENDS.

Farewell, friends, a time of sorrow  
 Is the moment when we part;  
 But, tho' absent on the morrow,  
 You'll be present to our heart.

There you're image we will cherish,  
 And where'er our feet may stray,  
 Never, never shall it perish,  
 Or our love for you decay.

Farewell, and when thoughts depressing  
 Rise for you within the breast,  
 May our prayers bring down a blessing,  
 Which on you and yours may rest.

May another happy meeting,  
 All our bosom grief dispel,  
 Joyful then will be our greeting,  
 And, till then, dear friends, farewell.

## KEEP THE HEART TENDER.

Keep the heart tender, kindly and true;  
 Water it freely with love's gentle dew:  
 Garner its harvest of rich burnished gold;  
 Let in the sunshine, and shut out the cold.  
 Keep the heart tender with flowers of kind  
 deeds,  
 And the sweets of their perfume will choke  
 out the weeds,  
 And the soft beams of Pity, of Mercy and  
 Love,  
 Will yield it the glory that beams from  
 above.

Keep the heart tender with sweet, loving  
 words,  
 And they'll fill it with music like th' warble  
 of birds  
 In the heart of the forest—so joyful and  
 clear,  
 When the birds are awake in the spring-  
 time of year.

Keep the heart tender with holy desires,  
 And they'll freshen its altars and quench  
 the rash fires  
 Of Hatred and Envy—of sins ever new:  
 Keep the heart tender, pure, kindly and  
 true.

## LITTLE FEET.

Only beginning the journey—

Many a mile to go;

Little feet, how they patter,

Wandering to and fro.

Father of all, O guide them—

The pattering little feet,

While they're treading the uphill road,

Braving the dust and heat.

Aid them when they grow weary—

Keep them in pathways blest;

And when the journey's ended,

Savior, O give them rest.

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 BE KIND.

Be kind to your father, for when you were  
young,

Who loved you so fondly as he?

He caught the first accents that fell from  
your tongue,

And joined in your innocent glee.

Be kind to your father, for now is he old—

His locks intermingled with gray:

His footsteps are feeble—once fearless and  
bold—

Your father is passing away.

Be kind to your mother, for low on her  
brow

May traces of sorrow be seen.

O, well may you cherish and comfort her  
now,

For loving and kind she has been.

Remember your mother—for you she will  
pray

As long as God giveth her breath:

With accents of kindness, then cheer her  
lone way

E'en down to the valley of death.

Be kind to your brother, his heart will  
have dearth,

If smiles of your joy are withdrawn;

The flowers of feeling will fade at their  
birth,

If the dew of affection is gone.

Be kind to your brother wherever you are;

The love of a brother shall be

An ornament purer and richer by far

Than pearls from the depths of the sea.

Be kind to your sister: not many may  
know

The depth of a sisterly love:

The wealth of the ocean lies fathoms below

The surface that sparkles above.



Your kindness may bring to you many  
 sweet hours,  
 And blessings your pathway to crown;  
 Affection will weave you a garland of  
 flowers,  
 More precious than wealth or renown.

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#### INVITATION TO SINGING.

Why stand you 'round the threshold?  
 You timid ones, draw near;  
 Sweet words and joyous music,  
 Unite in concord here.

But when you come, remember  
 The rule by which we stand;  
 No gloomy brow is suffered  
 Among our happy band.

We cherish every pleasure,  
 Which virtue can approve;  
 We find delight in loving  
 Whate'er the virtuous love.

Then stand not round the threshold;  
 You timid ones, draw near;  
 Come, mingle with our music,  
 In sweetest concord here.

## GOOD MORNING.

“O, I am so happy!” a little girl said,  
As she sprang, like a lark, from a low  
trundlebed,

“’Tis morning—bright morning! Good  
morning, papa!

O, give me one kiss for good morning,  
mamma!

Only just look at my pretty canary,  
Chirping his sweet ‘Good morning to  
Mary:’

The sun is now peeping straight into my  
eyes—

Good morning to you, Mr. Sun, for you  
rise

So early to waken my birdie and me,  
And make us as happy as happy can be.”

“Happy you may be, my dear little girl,”  
As the mother struck softly a clustering  
curl—

“Happy you can be, but think of the One  
Who wakened, this morning, both you  
and the sun.”

The little girl turned her bright eyes with  
a nod:

“Ma, may I say, then, good morning to  
God?”

“Yes, little darling one, surely you may:  
Kneel as you kneel every morning to pray.”

Mary knelt solemnly down, with her eyes  
Looking up, earnestly, into the skies;

And two little hands that were folded to-  
gether,

Softly she laid on the lap of her mother:

“Good morning, dear Father in heaven,”  
she said—

“I thank Thee for watching my snug little  
bed—

For taking good care of me, all the dark  
night,

And waking me up with the beautiful light;  
O, keep me from naughtiness all the long  
day,

Dear Father, who taught little children to  
pray.”

An angel looked down in the sunshine,  
and smiled,

But she saw not the angel—that beautiful  
child.

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THE WORLD IS NOT SO BAD.

This world is not so bad a world

As some would like to make it;

Tho' whether good, or whether bad,

Depends on how you take it;

For if we worry, fret and fuss,  
 From dewy morn till even,  
 This world will ne'er afford to us  
 A foretaste here of heaven.

This world is quite a pleasant world  
 In rain or sunny weather;  
 If people would but learn to live  
 In harmony together;  
 And cease to burst the kindly bond  
 By love and peace cemented,  
 And learn that best of lessons yet,  
 To always be contented.

Then were this world a pleasant world,  
 And pleasant folks were in it,  
 The day would pass most pleasantly,  
 To those who thus begin it;  
 And all the nameless grievances,  
 Brought on by borrowed troubles,  
 Would prove, as certainly they are,  
 A mass of empty bubbles.

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### PRAVING ALWAYS.

TEACHER:

Little eyes,  
 Looking wise,  
 Have you said your morning prayer?

Have you thought  
 As you ought,  
 Of our heavenly Father's care?  
 Tell me what our prayer should be,  
 When the morning light we see.

ALL:

Pleasant light,  
 Clear and bright,  
 Shining on the world to-day.  
 So may love,  
 From above,  
 Shine along our upward way;  
 So let ev'rything we see,  
 Turn our thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

ALL:

Water clear,  
 Standing near—  
 Wash our hands and faces clean.  
 May the Lord,  
 By his word,  
 Wash our hearts from ev'ry sin.  
 So let ev'rything we see,  
 Turn our thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

GIRLS:

Cloak and hood,  
 New and good,  
 Made to keep our bodies warm.

Words of truth,  
 Learned in youth,  
 Keep our souls from ev'ry harm.  
 So let ev'rything we see,  
 Turn our thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

## BOYS:

Boot and shoe,  
 Old or new,  
 Let us keep them clean and neat;  
 Let us pray,  
 That we may,  
 Some day walk the golden street.  
 So let ev'rything we see,  
 Turn our thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

## GIRLS:

Collar white,  
 Ribbons bright,  
 Apron, bonnet, shawl or dress;  
 So may we  
 Ever be  
 Clad in faith and righteousness.  
 So let ev'rything we see,  
 Turn our thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

## BOYS:

Top and ball,  
 Treasures all;  
 Books and toys, I dearly prize;

Yet may I,  
 When I die,  
 To my heavenly treasures rise.  
 So let ev'rything I see,  
 Turn my thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

ALL:

Night or day,  
 Work or play;  
 In our hearts may be a prayer;  
 God can see,  
 If there be—  
 Well, He knows what thoughts are there.  
 So let ev'rything we see,  
 Turn our thoughts, O Lord, to Thee.

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PUT ME IN MY LITTLE BED.

O Birdie, I am tired now,  
 I do not care to hear you sing;  
 You've sung us happy songs all day,  
 Now put your head beneath your wing.  
 I'm sleepy, too, as I can be,  
 And sister, when my prayer is said,  
 I want to lay me down to sleep;  
 So put me in my little bed.

## CHORUS:

Come, sister, come; kiss me "Good night,"  
 For I my evening prayer have said—  
 I'm tired now, and sleepy too,  
 So put me in my little bed.

O sister, what did mother say,  
 When she was called to heaven away?  
 She told me always to be good,  
 And never, never go astray.  
 I can't forget the day she died—  
 She laid her hand upon my head,  
 And whispered softly, "Keep my child"—  
 And then they told me she was dead.

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 ANNIE'S SYMPATHY.

Little Annie clung to her mother's side,  
 And the tear-drops stood in her eye,  
 As she saw the earth wrapp'd in its wintry  
 pride,  
 And heard the cold blast move by.

The mother said, as she kissed her child,  
 "My darling has nothing to fear;  
 Tho' the storm without is fierce and wild,  
 It never can enter here.



“Our house is beautiful, nice and warm,  
 With the fire’s bright, cheerful blaze:  
 Your father provides for you well: like a  
 charm,  
 You shall spend the wintry days.”

“Yes, mother, your child knows your  
 words are true.”

The dear, loving Annie replied;

“I have all that I need—I have father and  
 you,  
 By whom every want is supplied.

“But I am thinking of Carrie and Ned;  
 Their house is so shabby and old—  
 Their mother is sick and their father dead,  
 And I think they are hungry and cold.

“They live in that house by the big tall  
 oak,  
 Which the frost and wind have made  
 bare;  
 I’ve watched the chimney, and see no  
 smoke  
 Rise up, on the stormy air.

“No kind father’s footsteps are ever heard  
 On that threshold where orphans tread—  
 No father’s lips with a loving word,  
 Nor his hand to provide them bread.”

This short speech was made without guile  
or art;

It was love's sweet, innocent strain;  
The appeal was made to a mother's heart,  
And it was not made in vain.

The mother, in haste, enveloped her form,  
With sympathy warm in her breast:  
Kissed the daughter good bye, and braved  
the storm,  
To rescue the poor distressed.

Her purse was large and her hands not  
slack,  
And the old house was filled with joy;  
And Annie's heart, when her mother  
came back,  
Beat with pleasure without alloy.

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ANGEL WHISPERINGS TO A DYING  
CHILD.

Darling, we are waiting for thee,  
Hasten, now:  
Go with us, where wreaths are twining  
For thy brow.

In the innocence of childhood,  
 Thou wilt be  
 Hailed with gentle shouts of welcome,  
 And of glee.

Joyous cherubs wait thy coming  
 Up above;  
 Ready now to crown and bless thee  
 With their love.

Loved one, haste—delay no longer—  
 With us go  
 From a clime that intermingles  
 Joy and woe.

Go with us to heavenly arbors,  
 Decked with flow'rs,  
 Where ambrosial fragrance streaming,  
 Fills the bowers.

Thou art pure—by earth's corruptions  
 Undeiled;  
 From the ills of life we'll take thee,  
 Sinless child.

Friends will mourn, but this bereavement  
 They'll endure;  
 Knowing that their precious darling  
 Is secure.

Like a rosebud yet unopened,  
     Thou shalt bloom,  
 Where no blight shall mar thy freshness  
     And perfume.

Child, we're waiting now to bear thee  
     To our home,  
 Full of life—of love and beauty,  
     Darling, come.

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#### LITTLE DROPS.

Little drops of water,  
     Little grains of sand,  
 Make the mighty ocean  
     And the beauteous land:  
 And the little moments,  
     Humble tho' they be,  
 Make the mighty ages  
     Of eternity.

So our little errors  
     Lead the soul away  
 From the path of virtue,  
     Into sin to stray.  
 Little deeds of kindness,  
     Little words of love,  
 Make our earth an Eden,  
     Like the heavens above.

## OUR BABY.

You'd better believe she is pretty,  
Our baby—our beautiful girl,  
With her eyes full of innocent mischief,  
With her hair just beginning to curl,  
With her tiny feet constantly tripping,  
For she is just learning to walk—  
With her lips full of musical prattle  
For she is just learning to talk.

I watch her sometimes at the window,  
She stands on the tips of her toes;  
Outside, you can see her eyes sparkle,  
And the end of her little pug nose.  
She mimics the dog's solemn bow-wow,  
She catches up every light word,  
She mews and she crows and she whistles  
As shrill as a wild forest bird.

Only just a year old is our baby,  
So pure and so happy is she,  
That we long to enchant her, and keep her  
Forever, as young and as free.  
But we might as well prison the sunshine,  
Or stay the sweet growth of the flowers,  
Or bind up the spray of the fountain,  
Or fetter the swift flying hours.

God gave her—our beautiful baby!

He made her so sweet and so pure—  
He gave her the undying spirit  
That will, to all ages, endure.

God keep her! May Israel's Shepherd,  
Who carries the lambs on his breast,  
Be near her in joy and in sorrow,  
And guide her safe home to his rest.

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LITTLE BETTY.

Little Betty loves her doll  
And makes it pretty dresses,  
She makes its bonnet and its shawl,  
And smooths its tiny tresses.

She has a little rocking chair  
With tidy and a cushion;  
Betty lays her baby there,  
And with a gentle motion,  
And a soft lullaby  
And love's smile in her eye,  
She is trying to keep  
Her doll baby asleep  
And she sings it a sweet lullaby.

Betty hears the school bell ring,  
And with no frown, nor sadness,  
Doll and chair and every thing  
Are laid aside with gladness.

Betty bidding doll good-bye,  
 Three fond kisses gives it,  
 Saying, "darling, do not cry  
 When its mamma leaves it."

And away Betty hies,  
 With her bright laughing eyes:  
 In good time she's in school,  
 And obeys every rule,  
 And a good little scholar is she.

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### THE LITTLE PEOPLE.

A dreary place would be this earth,  
 Were there no little people in it;  
 The song of life would lose its mirth,  
 Were there no children to begin it.

No little forms, like buds to grow,  
 And make th' admiring heart surrender;  
 No little hand on breast and brow  
 To keep the thrilling love-chords tender.

The sterner souls would grow more stern  
 Unfeeling nature, more inhuman;  
 And man to stoic coldness turn,  
 And woman would be less a woman.

Life's song, indeed, would lose its charm,  
 Were there no babies to begin it:  
 A doleful place this world would be,  
 Were there no little people in it.

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### I'LL NEVER USE TOBACCO.

I'll never use tobacco, no:  
 It is a filthy weed;  
 I'll never put in my mouth  
 Said little Robert Reid.

Why, there was idle Jerry Jones,  
 As dirty as a pig;  
 Who smoked when only ten years old,  
 And thought it made him big.

He'd spend his time and money too,  
 And make his mother sad:  
 She feared a worthless man would grow  
 From such a worthless lad.

O, no; I'll never smoke or chew:  
 'Tis very wrong indeed;  
 It spoils the health—it makes bad breath  
 Said little Robert Reid.



## TABLE RULES FOR LITTLE FOLKS

In silence I must take my seat,  
And give God thanks, before I eat;  
Must for my food, in silence wait  
Till I am asked to hand my plate.

I must not scold, nor whine, nor pout,  
Nor move my chair or plate about.

With knife, or fork or anything,  
I must not play, nor must I sing.

I must not speak a useless word,  
For children should be seen—not heard.

I must not say, “the bread is old”—  
“The meat is hot”—“the milk is cold.”

I must not cry for this, or that,  
Nor murmur if my meat is fat;  
My mouth with food I must not crowd,  
Nor while I’m eating, speak aloud;  
Must turn my head to cough or sneeze,  
And when I ask, say “If you please.”

The table-cloth I must not spoil,  
Nor with my food my fingers soil—  
Must keep my seat, when I have done,  
Nor round the table sport or run;

When told to rise, then I must put  
My chair away, with noiseless foot,  
And lift my heart to God above,  
In praise for all his wondrous love.

## GOLD AND TINSEL.

Be ever wise in what you choose,  
And never, never good refuse;  
The worthless tinsel brighter shines  
Than purest gold in rich designs.

Be not deceived by shining things—  
Most pois'nous insects have bright wings,  
Vice oft assumes a brilliant form,  
And serpents have the pow'r to charm.

The tinsel glare may charm the eye  
Of fools and idlers, passing by;  
But men of wisdom turn away  
And scorn the dazzling tinsel spray.

Guard well your hearts, lest silly pride,  
Instead of wisdom, be your guide;  
Watch, and beware of haughtiness,  
Which would destroy your loveliness.

Oft times the noblest and the best,  
In simple, homely garb is drest:  
Most precious gems are often found  
In rudest forms beneath the ground.

As you in statue upward grow,  
Avoid the tinsel's glittering show:  
Aspire to be like sterling gold,  
And daily let your worth unfold.

## A PRECIOUS JEWEL.

There is a precious jewel,  
 Of worth and beauty rare;  
 And one that's not too costly  
 For every one to wear.

Of all the golden treasures  
 Which kings and princes boast,  
 This single, lovely jewel  
 Is worth, by far, the most.

Inward as well as outward,  
 This jewel must be hung;  
 And when the lips are open,  
 Should ornament the tongue.

No one should be without it,  
 Either on land or sea;  
 But keep it ever with you  
 Wherever you may be.

If children learn to value  
 This jewel when they're small,  
 They're pretty sure to prize it  
 When they are large and tall.

Its name—can no one guess it—  
 This prize for age and youth?  
 I'll tell you: can you speak it?  
 It is not hard—'tis Truth.

## LITTLE SAMUEL.

When little Samuel woke  
 And heard his Maker speak,  
 He thought that Eli spoke,  
 And unto him did seek:  
 But Eli said, "It is the Lord;  
 Go now and listen to his word."

If God would speak to me,  
 And say He was my friend,  
 How happy I would be!  
 O, how I would attend!  
 The smallest sin I then should fear,  
 If God our Father was so near.

And does He never speak?  
 O yes; for in his Word,  
 He bids me come and seek  
 The God whom Samuel heard.  
 And thro' his Priesthood, lovingly,  
 The God of Samuel speaks to me.

Like Samuel, let me say,  
 Whene'er I hear his word,  
 Speak, Lord, I will obey  
 The voice that Samuel heard;  
 And when I in thy House appear,  
 Speak, for thy servant waits to hear.

## LOOK AT THE STARS.

Children, look at the stars, when they're  
shining bright

In the clear blue sky, on a cloudless night:  
Little lamps by the million! How pretty  
they are!

Can you tell me who placed them, and  
keeps them there?

When the curtain of clouds is all rolled  
away,

You may see this grand tableau, without  
any pay,

But a tribute of praise to their Maker is due,  
Not only from parents, but from children  
too.

'Tis because they are off in the distance  
afar,

That those beautiful lamps appear small:  
but each star

Is as large as a world: then how far they  
must be!

'Tis some millions of miles to each star  
you can see.

Do you think of a hand that can reach up  
so high

As to fasten those star-lamps so far in the  
sky?

The great God placed them there—He is  
our Father, too;  
He sees all little children and knows what  
they do.

Does the morning sun drive all those stars  
away?

No; but stars are not seen by the light of  
day:

And dear children, remember, the night  
reveals

Many beautiful things that the day con-  
ceals.

Think of this, when in life's future path  
you move,

And think, too, that the lights always  
shine from above;

And, if darkness should ever your steps  
surround,

Ne'er forget to look up where the stars  
are found.

Our great Father who made both the stars  
and sky

Has bright beautiful palaces built on high;  
And for all the good children that seek  
to do

What is right, He has beautiful mansions  
too.

O how wise and how pow'ful that God  
 must be!  
 And how good in remembering you and  
 me!  
 For He loves all the good, and when good  
 people die,  
 They all go to those bright, happy homes  
 on high.

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#### LOOKING OUT FOR MOTHER.

Watching at the window,  
 Tired of book and toy—  
 Looking out for mother  
 Stands our darling boy.

“Frankie!” But he turns not—  
 Does not seem to hear.  
 Now his lips are moving—  
 “Where is mamma dear?”

“Frankie wants his mamma:”  
 Almost sad the tone.  
 “Why did mamma leave me,  
 Her little boy, alone?”

Hark! A shout of gladness—  
 How the white hands fly!  
 Swifter than a bird's wings  
 In the clear blue sky.

Turning from the window—  
 Out through open door—  
 Springing down the pathway,  
 Crying o'er and o'er:  
 "Mamma, mamma, mamma!"  
 See our darling boy  
 Leaping into loving arms,  
 In the height of joy.  
 Happy little Frankie,  
 With his head at rest  
 In the peace of innocence,  
 On his mother's breast.

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#### TO SANTA CLAUS.

Remember your time-honored laws,  
 Kind master of the merry glee:  
 Prepare your gifts, good Santa Claus,  
 And hang them on the Christmas tree.  
 And where no Christmas trees are found,  
 With liberal hand your gifts distil—  
 The bags and stockings hanging 'round,  
 Great Santa Claus, be sure to fill.  
 Untie your purse—enlarge your heart—  
 O, do not pass one single door;  
 And in your gen'rous walk, impart  
 Your comforts to the sick and poor.



When eyes are watching for the morn,  
 In humble hut and cottage too,  
 How disappointed and forlorn,  
 If missed, dear Santa Claus, by you.

Go all the rounds of babyhood,  
 And bless and cheer the hearts of all  
 The "little folks," and please be good  
 To those who are not so very small.

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#### THE TOOL AND THE GEM.

I saw a thing of rudest form,  
 From mountains base brought forth—  
 A useless gem—devoid of charm,  
 And wrapped in cumbrous earth.

Its rough exterior met the eye,  
 With most repulsive show;  
 For every charm was forced to lie  
 In buried depths below.

The sculptor came—I wondered when  
 His pliant tool was brought:  
 He passed it o'er the gem, and then  
 I marked the change it wrought.

Each cumbrance from its surface cleared—  
 The gem disclosed to view—  
 Its nature and its worth appeared—  
 Its form expansive grew.

By gentle strokes it was set free—  
 By softer touch refined,  
 Till beauty, grace and majesty  
 Its nature had combined.

Its lustre kindled to a blaze—  
 'Twas Wisdom's lamp begun;  
 And soon the splendor of its rays  
 Outshone the noon-day sun.

That gem was chained in crudeness, till  
 The sculptor lent his aid;  
 I marveled at the ready skill  
 His potent hand displayed.

It was the virtue of his tool  
 Of fine, transforming edge,  
 Which served for pencil, mould and rule—  
 For polisher and sledge.

That tool requires a skillful hand—  
 That gem no chain should bind:  
 That tool is Education, and  
 That gem, the Human Mind.

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BEAUTIFUL STAR.

Beautiful star, in heaven so bright,  
 Softly falls thy silvery light;  
 As thou movest from earth afar,  
 Star of the evening, beautiful star.

In fancy's eye it seem to say,  
 Follow me; come from earth away;  
 Upward thy spirit's pinions try,  
 In realms above, beyond the sky.

Shine, O star of love divine,  
 O, may our soul's affections twine  
 Around thee, as thou movest afar,  
 Star of the twilight, beautiful star.

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#### YOUTHFUL SONNET.

'Tis music's self—how sweet to sing  
 The waking loveliness of Spring,  
 When flowery nations, rising forth,  
 Perfume the air and deck the earth.  
 How charming is the morning ray  
 That ushers in the blaze of day!  
 How beauteous is the op'ning flower,  
 That decorates the vernal bower!

But what is more delightful far,  
 Than Spring and Morn and flow'rets are,  
 Is youth that early seeks to God,  
 And spreads Religion's light abroad;  
 And if there's aught beneath the sun  
 That angels love to look upon,  
 'Tis when the children's powers of mind  
 Are to the laws of God inclined.

When youthful graces sweetly join,  
 And with Religion's charms combine,  
 With faith and hopes that will not bend,  
 How grand the aim—how great the end!  
 Let scorn unveil its vulgar art—  
 Let palefaced envy point its dart:  
 Our hearts are fixed, a crown to gain  
 Where God and Christ in glory reign.

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#### MY OWN HOME.

O tell me not of ease or fame,  
 Or all that Mammon's vot'ries claim;  
 I know their paltry worth;  
 But let me hear the voice of home,  
 Whether a palace, hut or dome:  
 There's nought so dear on earth.  
 Talk not to me of splendid halls—  
 Of sumptuous feasts, where folly calls  
 For fashion's ample fee;  
 But talk of home's most frugal treat,  
 Where love and pure affection meet  
 In plain simplicity.  
 Talk not of princely crowns to me,  
 Or proud imperial dignity,  
 Replete with slavish care;  
 But talk of home's unblazoned things,  
 Where virtue smiles and wisdom sings  
 Sweet sonnets, rich and fair.

Those bonny scenes I value high;  
 Coxcombs and belles may pass them by  
 As things of no repute:  
 But such as these I love to hear—  
 'Tis sweeter music to my ear  
 Than Tasso's melting lute.

Home, charming sound, unknown to  
 fame,  
 Has more kind feeling in the name,  
 Than all the studied lore  
 That stoic brains have ever thought,  
 Or stoic genius ever taught  
 To all the world before.

But yet the home, the heav'nly prize,  
 Which far beyond this scenery lies,  
 Is the rich boon I crave;  
 Tho' here, a stranger I may roam,  
 My heart is fixed—I have a home,  
 Secure, beyond the grave.

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### THE WORLD'S JUBILEE.

The tide of time is ebbing low,  
 The wheels of change roll fast;  
 Hark! the heralds of salvation blow  
 The gospel trump's loud blast.

Our God, the source of life and love,  
 To earth his care extends—  
 Reveals the law, the hosts above  
 In holy union blends.

## CHORUS:

Awake! awake! let the nations hear  
 Jehovah's firm decree,  
 To abolish sin, and usher in  
 The world's great jubilee.

Immortal garlands crown the day  
 On which brave men of God,  
 Who pioneered the desert way  
 In Salt Lake Valley trod.  
 From here the "little stone" will roll—  
 "The kingdom" spread abroad,  
 Till peace shall reign from pole to pole,  
 And all acknowledge God.

The "iron horse" and "lightning wires,"  
 Their mutual pow'rs combine;  
 And man's vile wrath, o'erruled, conspires  
 To aid the great design.  
 O'er mountain tops, swell high the strain—  
 To ev'ry land proclaim,  
 The voice of God is heard again;  
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